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: Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 09/065,082

: Examiner: McGarry

Filed: April 23, 1998

For: **HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER FOR GENE THERAPY AND
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Sir/Madam:

Applicants have received a Notice of Acceptance of Application from the US Patent Office dated October 19, 1998 (copy enclosed). In that Notice, it is indicated that July 16, 1998 is now recognized as the 35 USC 102(e) date and as the date of receipt of all 35 USC 371 requirements.

The award of these dates is in error, and applicants are hereby requesting a correction of both dates in Item #2, the 102(e) date and the Date of Receipt of Requirements.

The application was filed on April 23, 1998, as evidenced by the post office receipt (copy enclosed), and the return post card date-stamped by the PTO showing the same date (copy enclosed). A Declaration and Power of Attorney were filed on July 13, 1998, prior to receiving any Communication from the US Patent Office, as evidenced by the date-stamped return post card (copy enclosed).

Unaware of applicants' filings of July 13, 1998, the US Patent Office issued a Request for Missing Parts on July 22, 1998 (copy enclosed). In response to that Notice, applicants forwarded copies of the previously filed Declaration and Power of Attorney along with a Letter to the US Patent Office on September 25, 1998 (copies enclosed).

Applicants believe that they are entitled to the April 23, 1998 date for their filing date and 35 USC 102(e) date, and to the July 13, 1998 date for the Receipt of Requirements, and request that the Patent Office make the necessary corrections and forward to applicants a new Notification of Acceptance reflecting the correct dates.

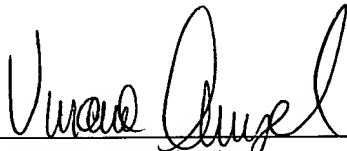
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Respectfully submitted.
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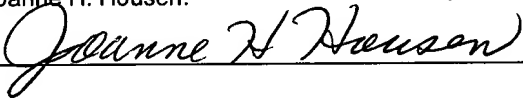
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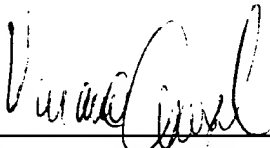
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Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements of July 22, 1998, applicants are enclosing copies of a Letter, Declaration by Inventors and Rule 32 Power of Attorney filed with the Patent Office on July 13, 1998. No surcharge is enclosed as the Declaration was provided within 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

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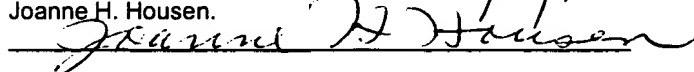
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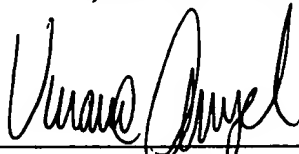
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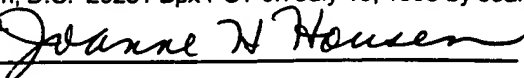
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